

pany, said officers to hold their offices for terms to be prescribed in the by-laws, unless sooner removed by the stockholders.

SEC. 7. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification, and shall remain in force for thirty years.

Ratified the 12th day of February, A. D. 1869.

## CHAPTER XLII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF WILLIAM H. GENTRY, SHERIFF OF STOKES COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That William H. Gentry, Sheriff of the County of Stokes, is authorized to collect the amount of taxes still due on the tax lists of his County for the years eighteen hundred and sixty-six and eighteen hundred and sixty-seven: *Provided*, That said Sheriff shall not collect taxes out of any tax-payer who may make affidavit before any Magistrate that he has formerly paid the taxes aforesaid, and has lost the receipt for the same: *And provided, further*, That the authority given said Gentry by this act shall cease on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

May collect taxes  
due for 1866-'67.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 13th day of February, A. D. 1869.